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## PTA News

### FAMILY PICNIC

With the theme "Fun Fare . . . Family Picnic," Magruder PTA will hold the last meeting of the current year at El Nido Park Saturday. Special guests will be faculty and staff of Magruder. Acting as hostesses for the occasion will be outgoing executive board members.

At the May unit meeting Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh, outgoing Torrance Council president, installed the new

officers and presented the Magruder PTA with a three by four cardboard copy of policies of the PTA.

Installed for 1963-64 were Mrs. Herman Redmerski, president; Jimmie Cotten and William Freed, vice-presidents; Camiel Lanoye, recording secretary; C. L. Adkins, corresponding secretary; Donald Matson, historian; Jack Fulton, treasurer; George Lafferty, auditor and William Wright, parliamentarian.

Two films were shown, "Boys Beware" and "Girls Beware." Sgt. Mitchell from the Torrance Police Department answered questions. It was announced that the Magruder PTA had been awarded certificates for both the publicity record book and program booklet from 33rd District.

Summer classes at Magruder will begin June 24th and continue through August 2. A summer recreation program will be conducted starting in July for all the youngsters in the area.

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## Fresh Strawberries Ready for Freezing

Strawberries for freezing and for preserves are best at the peak of the growing season. Those that ripen in May and early June, while the weather is cooler, have a finer flavor and a firmer texture. Make preserves of some strawberries and freeze some. They'll make good eating when supplies of the fresh fruit are gone.

### FREEZE THEM

In order to freeze strawberries, carefully sort, wash, drain, hull and halve them and place them in a bowl. Sift over them 1/2 to 3/4 cup sugar for each 4 cups of berries; be sure to distribute sugar well. Pack in rigid containers, leaving 1/2 inch expansion space. Freeze at once.

### PRESERVE THEM

Strawberry preserves, a favorite with so many, are easy to make. Success is sure if only a few rules are followed.

Paraffin may be used to seal the jars, but care must be taken that the syrup spatters are wiped from the inside of the container so the paraffin will stick to the glass.

Melt fresh paraffin over hot water. Pour it onto a clean metal spoon held close to the surface of the jam, letting it overflow to make a thin layer, not more than 1/8" thick. When paraffin is

set, prick bubbles and pour on a second 1/8" thick paraffin layer. Slightly tip and swirl glass to seal edges. Do not use more than the specified amount of paraffin. When it is put on in heavier layers there is a tendency for the paraffin to peel away from the glass, allowing syrup to seep out and provide growth of molds. Store preserves in a cool place, without widely varying temperatures.

Try this recipe for preserves — it's a long time favorite with many homemakers.

### STRAWBERRY PRESERVES "Three Methods"

2 qts. fresh strawberries (4 boxes)  
6 cups sugar  
Wash and hull berries. Pour on boiling water to cover fruit and let stand 3 minutes. Drain. Place berries in a kettle and boil 3 minutes. (Keep flame low until fruit begins to bubble, then turn up to high to bring to a full boil). Add 3 cups sugar, bring to boil and boil 3 minutes. Add remaining 3 cups sugar and again boil 3 minutes.

Set preserves aside for several hours and give them a gentle stir occasionally. Pour into sterilized jelly glasses and seal with paraffin.

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## Parents of Teens Offered Advice

Today's teen-agers may have their problems — but so do their parents and teachers.

What should you think when a teen-age boy combs his hair for hours before a mirror — but leaves his room in a shambles? Or when a teen-age girl says she prefers older men — but is deeply worried when her male classmates pay no attention to her? And then there's the favorite teen-age tactic of asking a question, but deciding the answer isn't worth waiting for.

These, of course, are the growing pains of adolescence. The growing pains of teen-agers brought up in a world of constant change and uncertainty. These growing pains, however, can be as difficult for parents as the teen-agers.

In an effort to help parents meet and adjust to the particular problems that arise between the ages of 13 and 19, the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) has just published a 40-page handbook, "A Changing Time."

Planned in cooperation with the Department of Classroom Teachers of the National Education Association, "A Changing Time" lists, analyzes and explains teen-age problems and suggests ways to meet them. "Until the teen years," the book says, "the parent is most likely to hover over children with the incessant question in mind, 'What is he up to?' But with a teenager, the more understanding and helpful question to ask is, 'What is he up against?'"

To help parents, the handbook lists six "Golden Rules" as qualities parents should want to see developed by their children. These are: Patience — with growing up, with things that change too slowly or too quickly. Curiosity — about people, knowledge, new ideas, new values.

Concern — about people, about their problems, the worth of the individual.

Humor — that can find enjoyment in small things as well as big, that can laugh at mistakes.

Discernment — that learns to tell the good from the bad in ideas, actions, culture, standards.

Hope — for maturity, for a fruitful and contributing future.

## Pupils To Appear In Festival

Harbor City Elementary School pupils will participate in the Friday music festival sponsored by the Los Angeles Board of Education, South District Elementary Schools to be at 8 p.m. at Gardena High School auditorium, 1301 W. 182nd St., Gardena, according to Mrs. Avis Creech, principal of Harbor City Elementary School.

Five schools out of the South District are selected each year to present an instrumental and choral program to the public. The program is presented to the community in order that the progress of the music program in the public schools can be observed at first hand. There is no admission fee.

The 50 Harbor City Elementary School Students under the tutelage of Mrs. Eleanor Lidel, music teacher, previewed Friday's program at a recent Harbor City PTA meeting.

Other schools participating are: Bonita Elementary School, Crestwood Elementary School, Hawaiian Elementary School, and Hall-dale School.

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